

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:*

1. (Currently amended) A cosmetic composition, suitable for application to facial skin, lips and eyelashes, ~~comprising~~ consisting of:  
from 2 to 25 % of a polyisoprene obtainable by the process comprising the steps of a) comminuting a solid polyisoprene with a molecular weight of between 100,000 and 4,000,000 and b) depolymerising the comminuted solid polyisoprene of step a) to a molecular weight within the above range; with a molecular weight of between 100,000 and 4,000,000;  
from 0.05 to 20% of oleophilic modified smectite clay;  
from 1.1 to 90% of ~~organic solvent~~ an aliphatic hydrocarbon with 12-22 carbon atoms;  
the balance comprising conventional cosmetic excipients, colourants and additives, all percentages being by weight of the final composition.
2. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the said polyisoprene has a molecular weight of between 2,000,000 and 4,000,000.
3. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the oleophilic modified clay is disteardimonium hectorite.
4. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the oleophilic modified clay is present in an amount of 0.1-10% .
5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1, wherein the ~~organic solvent~~ aliphatic hydrocarbon with 12-22 carbon atoms is isododecane.

7. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the ~~organic solvent~~ aliphatic hydrocarbon with 12-22 carbon atoms is present in an amount of 10-80%.

8. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, further comprising from 0.5 to 20% of wax or silicone.

9. (Original) In a process for preparing a cosmetic composition, the step of using polyisoprene with a molecular weight of between 100,000 and 4,000,000.

10. (Withdrawn) A method for preparing polyisoprene suitable for use in a composition according to claim 1, comprising comminuting a solid high molecular weight polyisoprene and mechanically degrading and depolymerizing the comminuted material in a high speed blade mixer to a lower molecular weight within the range of 100,000-4,000,000.